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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 17, 2008 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on July 17, 2008 was set. The extended period expires effectively on August 18, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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